

# City of Groveport

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**6:15 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## **Public Hearing**

***Mayor Lance Westcamp***

***Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jim Beidler***

**1. Call To Order**

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police, Chief Building official - Stephen Moore

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

**2. Roll Call**

**Absent:** 1 - Hilbert

**Present:** 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, and Lockett

**3. Approval of Minutes - August 14, 2017**

Approved as submitted.

[#533-2017](#)

Public Hearing Minutes 8-14-2017

**Attachments:** [Public Hearing Minutes 8-14-2017 ORD.17-026 4855 Hendron Rd.pdf](#)

**4. Notice**

*Clerk of Council Ross read of the Notice of Public Hearing.*

[#534-2017](#)

Notice of Public Hearing

**Attachments:** [Notice of Public Hearing.pdf](#)

**5. Certification**

*Clerk of Council Ross read of the Certification of Public Hearing.*

[#535-2017](#)

Certification of Public Hearing

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**6. Zoning Ordinance for 3rd Reading:**

[ORD. 17-035](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE ONE - GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1102, DEFINITIONS AND TITLE SEVEN - SUPPLEMENTAL LAND USE

## REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1178 SIGN REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [ORD. 17- 035 Sign Code and Definitions revisions attachment.pdf](#)

*Chief Building Official, Stephen Moore, stated Administrator Marsha Hall had attended an Ohio Municipal League meeting and learned due to a Supreme Court ruling that a municipality can have no content based signage at all. A municipality cannot give anyone special privileges. The decision was out of a case where a city allowed certain people to put signs in the right-of-way, but when a church tried to put signs in a right-of-way, the church was told they couldn't put the signs there. Ms. Hall asked for Mr. Moore to look into the City's zoning code on signage. He and his intern helped to review the case and go through the sign code. They went through and made changes to the sign code to remove all the content based language. At the same time, they reviewed all the temporary signs. There was a lot of confusion in the wording as to what people could actually have by way of signs. Mr. Moore had the intern change everything into charts like the permanent signs. The charts show if a permit is required, how long the sign can be in place, how many times a year they could have signs, etc. Also incorporated was the language Council just passed by motion to allow the industrial parks to have a longer period of time and that period can be determined by the business to have the signs to best suit their hiring needs. They went through to clean up minor matters. Law Director, Kevin Shannon, has reviewed the new code and has approved its content. Yard sale signs were taken out of this section altogether because they are regulated in their own regulations. Political signs cannot be regulated by the City's Building & Zoning Department other than they cannot be in the right-of-way.*

This Ordinance was read by title

[#513-2017](#)

ORD. 17- 035 Staff Report

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## **7. Close of Public Hearing**

Council Member Beidler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine to close the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Dildine, Hutson and Lockett

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Lance Westcamp, Mayor

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Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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